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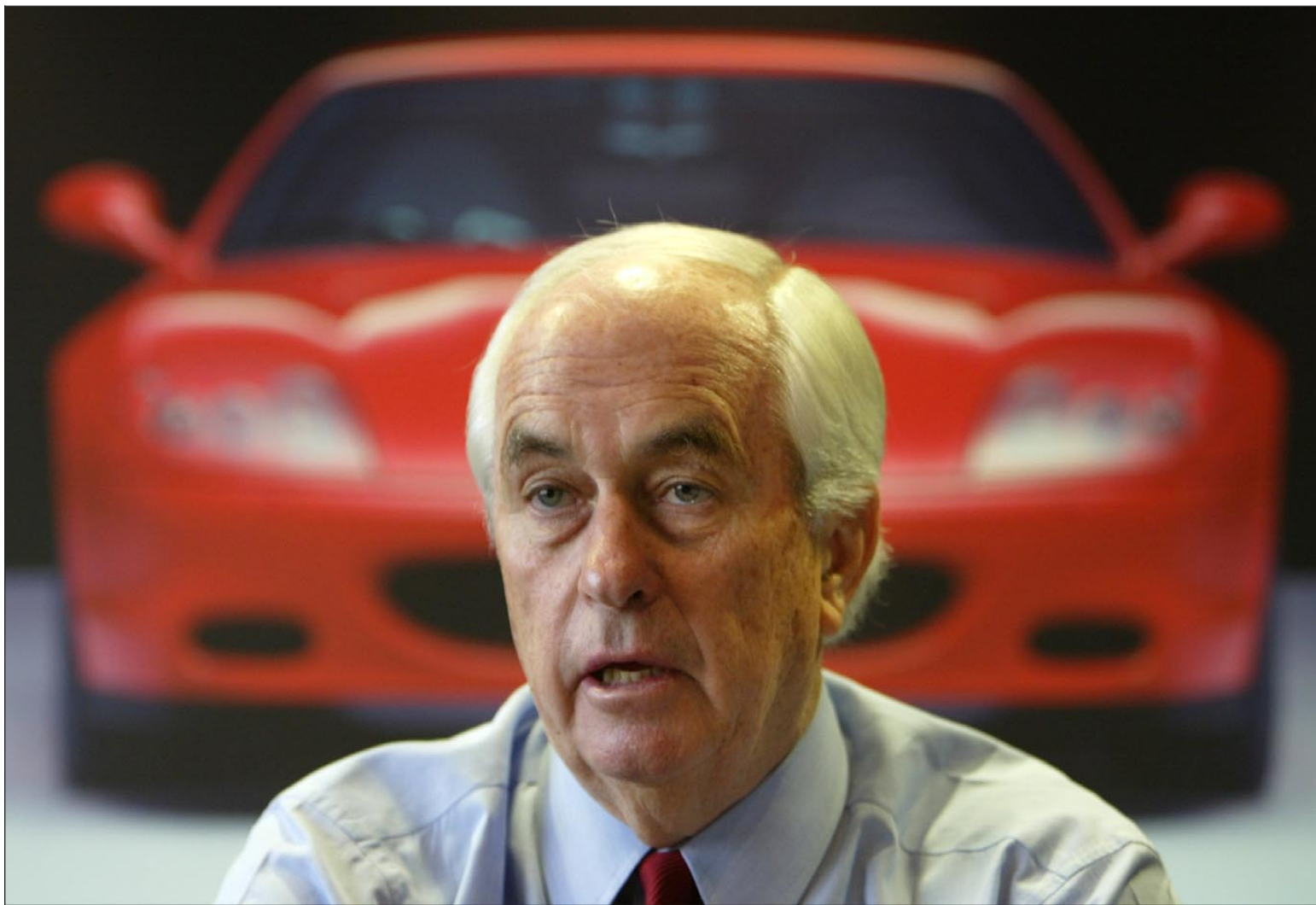
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AUTO TYCOON EXCELS AT TURNAROUND



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Roger Penske, the chairman of United Auto Group Inc. and the Super Bowl XL Host Committee, talks about expanding the chain of high-end auto dealerships at his Bloomfield Hills headquarters. A photo of a Ferrari dominates one wall.

THE POWER OF PENSKE

His biggest project is to keep high-end dealership chain revving, growing

By SARAH A. WEBSTER
FREE PRESS BUSINESS WRITER

Roger S. Penske, an auto-racing legend, successful businessman and now chairman of the Super Bowl XL host committee, is known for fixing things.

Since 1969, he's been cashing in on this talent through his privately held Penske Corp., where he's taken disappointing cars and companies and made them valuable winners.

The Bloomfield Hills-based holding company has invested in losers, such as Hertz Truck Leasing in the 1980s and Detroit Diesel Corp. in the 1990s, and restored them to prosperity. The trophy cases that decorate his Telegraph Road offices are stocked.

Like most tycoons, Penske, who turns 68 this month, has hit a few rough spots along the way, including a bid to turn around

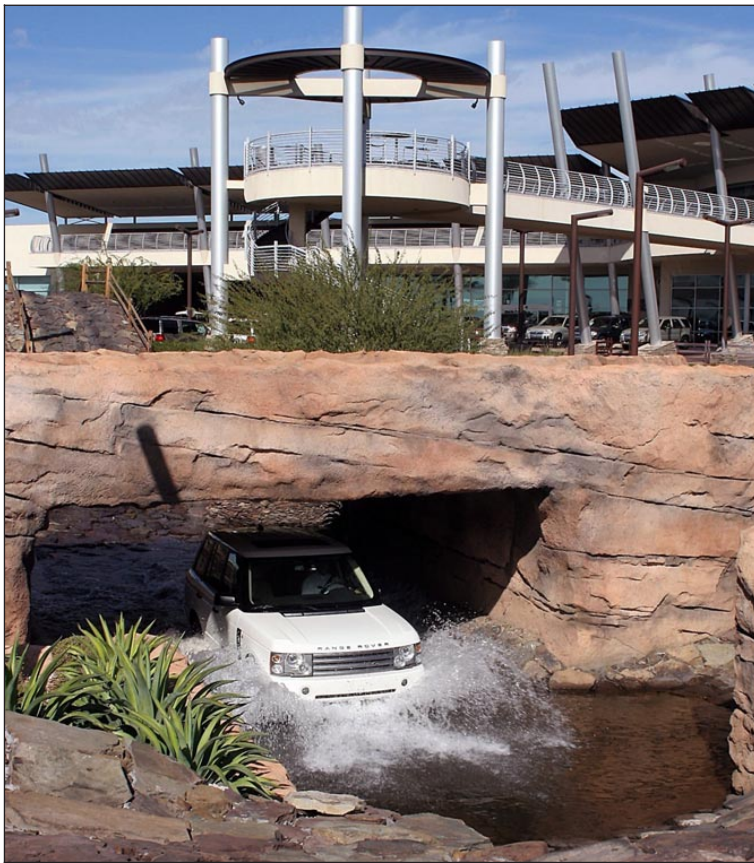
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► His career and holdings. 6A

Kmart auto centers that soured and a missed qualification for the Indy 500 by his racing team. But anyone who doubts Penske's ability to make Detroit a proper host in time for Super Bowl guests need only look at how Penske is handling his biggest fixer-upper to date: United Auto Group Inc.

Penske, who is worth an estimated \$1.7 billion, invested \$83 million in the money-bleeding chain of auto dealerships in 1999. That bought him a controlling interest in the company, which is known in auto circles as UAG, its symbol on the New York Stock Exchange. And he's been fixing it up ever since.

Penske's life is notoriously energetic; he oversees several big businesses, maintains board seats at two of the biggest companies in the country, has important civic commitments and even has a few hobbies and a family. But it's the lesser-known UAG that tops Penske's priority

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A Land Rover splashes on a test track at the Scottsdale (Ariz.) 101 Auto Complex, United Auto Group's premier facility. The deck above the test track overlooks the McDowell Mountains.

Leaders to halt attacks in Mideast

Suspension expected today at summit as lasting truce sought

By STEVEN R. WEISMAN
AND GREG MYRE
NEW YORK TIMES

TEL AVIV, Israel — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas will declare at a summit meeting in Egypt today their intention to suspend attacks after four years of conflict, Israeli and Palestinian officials said Monday.

Word of the planned statements came not long after Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice announced the appointment Monday

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of a senior security coordinator to help train and equip Palestinian forces and monitor Israeli and Palestinian promises to suspend military actions against each other.

Israeli and Palestinian officials characterized the actions to be announced in Egypt as a cease-fire, but there will be no joint declarations or signatures on a written document. Sharon and Abbas will unilaterally declare their intent to stop attacks, but each will stress that progress will depend on steps taken by the other side.

Even so, officials expressed optimism that a break in the four-

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Motown sounds seem natural for next halftime gala

BRIAN MCCOLLUM



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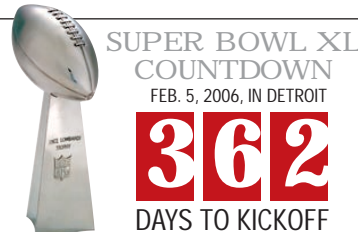
Sir Paul has left the stage. Janet's wardrobe malfunction is sooo 2004.

Which means we can at last turn our

full attention to Detroit's place in next year's Super Bowl spotlight — including the ritual halftime gala that's become nearly as big as the game itself.

Detroiters are already contemplating just what might land at Ford Field next February. Short of a Lions' appearance in the game itself, the city's best opportunity to show off would be an entertainment spectacle that pays tribute to the city's rich musical tradition.

The ultimate decision lies in the hands of the NFL, which seized control of the halftime show after last year's controversial Janet Jackson performance, produced by MTV. There are plenty of variables those officials must take into consideration — namely, staging an event that



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WHO DO YOU WANT?

We want to know who you would like to see perform at Super Bowl XL. E-mail your picks to features@freepress.com (put SUPER in the subject field) or take part in an interactive bulletin board where you can post your choices and read others' choices at www.freep.com.

not only has broad appeal and a family-friendly vibe, but that is enticing enough to keep viewers on the couch.

But if we could have our way ... "With the musical heritage here so strong, it would be great

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Bush coming to Detroit to pitch economic plans

President George W. Bush speaks to the Detroit Economic Club today. He'll likely pitch his plan to overhaul Social Security and the 2006 federal budget he proposed Monday.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- Proposed budget: \$2.57 trillion. The government would collect about \$2.18 trillion in taxes and fees, meaning it must borrow \$390 billion.
- Nine of the 15 Cabinet-level departments would get less money.
- In Michigan, Medicaid could be cut by \$1 billion over 10 years.
- Forty-eight education programs

would be eliminated, but Pell Grant funding would nearly double. **More budget details on 4A.** **Social Security:** He proposes allowing taxpayers to invest some of their payroll. tax. **Michigan's congressional members debate the plan. 3B.**

BUSH'S VISIT: He arrives at Metro Airport at 11:30 a.m. and departs at 1:35 p.m. His motorcade route wasn't released, but some free-ways and streets will close. **1B.** **State of the State:** Gov. Jennifer Granholm speaks at 7 tonight. Expect her to talk about rejuvenating the state economy. **1B.**

Women want U-M athlete put on tether

Exposure suspect maintains his innocence

By MARYANNE GEORGE
FREE PRESS ANN ARBOR BUREAU

Katie Karlson remembers that hot August night on her porch near the University of Michigan campus.

For the second time in six days a large man was approaching her house with his pants down, masturbating. The first time he had covered his face with a T-shirt. But this time she could see his face, and he was standing much closer at the end of her driveway, about 10 feet from the porch.

"I said to my friends, 'Oh my God, he's here again,'" said Karl-

son, a 21-year-old U-M senior from Ortonville. "This went from gross to threatening. We didn't know if he was coming after us."

Her alleged assailant is Larry Harrison Jr., 20, a U-M sophomore and a 6-foot-3, 300-pound football player.

Harrison's case has created a tug-of-war in Ann Arbor, pitting the rights of the victims, who say they fear retaliation from Harrison, with Harrison's rights to a fair trial and an education.

Harrison insists he is innocent and continues to attend classes at U-M, according to court and university records. But police and the



Football player Larry Harrison Jr. is charged with exposing himself in four incidents around U-M's Ann Arbor campus.

victims want Harrison suspended from school or placed on an electronic tether until the cases are decided.

Victims say Harrison's status as a leading tackler for the Wolverines makes it harder to accuse him.

He faces a preliminary exami-

nation Wednesday in 15th District Court in Ann Arbor on four felony charges filed late last year in connection with the Aug. 28 incident at Karlson's house and three similar cases of indecent exposure near the U-M campus.

Harrison, who has been suspended from the football team, is free on a \$500 bond. He has been ordered to be off campus by 8 p.m. and at home by 10 p.m., according to court records. His father must also stay at Harrison's Ann Arbor apartment or the student must spend the night at his parents' Detroit home.

Anthony Chambers, Harrison's

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Rain, snow showers possible.
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